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Department of Transportation

PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS
Reimbursement Time Extension
Resolution: G-01-21

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WAIVER REQUEST – CTC RESOLUTION G-01-21

CTC STIP GUIDELINES

SECTION 65 – TIMELY USE OF FUNDS

LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS

WAIVER-02-31

RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Transportation's recommendations are shown on the attachment.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Resolution G-01-21, *STIP Guidelines*, adopted by the California Transportation Commission (Commission) on July 12, 2001, stipulates that funds programmed for project development and right of way components of local grant projects are available for expenditure only until the end of the second fiscal year after allocation. The guidelines further stipulate that the Commission may approve waivers to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to twenty months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.

The Commission has allocated \$2,991,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000 for the two projects on the attached list. The implementing agencies have been unable to expend the funds and do not anticipate expending all the funds by the June 30, 2002 deadline. The attachment shows the details of each project and the delays that have resulted in the extension requests. The project sponsors request extensions, and the planning agencies concur.

Attachment

Time Extension/Waiver – Reimbursement Deadline
Item 2.8d – Local Streets and Roads Projects
Program Year 2001/2002

Project #	Applicant County	Extension Amount By Component (\$ in thousands)	Number of Months Requested
		E&P	Extended Deadline
	PPNO	PS&E	
	Project Description	R/W	CT Recommendation
		CON	
	Reason for Project Delay:	TOTAL	
1	City of Delano Kern	\$531 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$531	16 months 10/31/2003 Support – meets STIP guidelines
	<p>The CTC allocated \$531,000 in state-only funding for the E&P component of this project on April 25, 2000. This capacity project includes a grade separation at the Union Pacific Railroad intersection with Cecil Avenue. Cecil Avenue is a major east-west arterial which is centrally located. The Project Study Report prepared to develop the project included several alternatives for the grade separation which included both significant land acquisition on both east and west sides of the crossing, as well as rerouting alternatives for High Street, the frontage street along the railroad alignment. The right-of-way acquisition for the grade separation would involve the relocation of several well-established businesses, which was of primary concern to the City Council. In an attempt to relocate the grade separation, the Council directed staff to propose a roadway widening and grade separation project on Garces Highway, a major east-west arterial located on the southern portion of town. The grade separation for the Garces project would involve a similar right-of-way requirement, but would affect less-established businesses. A PSR was prepared for the Garces project, and the project was introduced to the Kern COG, but was ranked too low for reasonable advancement consideration. City staff was then directed to continue the advance of the Cecil Avenue project, since a capacity project is desperately needed for traffic improvement in the east-west direction.</p> <p>The initial allocation request was made prior to consideration of the Garces Highway capacity project option. The attempt to advance the alternative project has caused a 16-month delay in the Cecil Avenue Roadway Widening project, resulting in the City's request for a 16-month extension for expenditure of E&P funds. However, staff has performed the consultant selection process and the pre-award audit is due by the end of May 2002. It is expected that future phases of the project will proceed in an efficient and timely manner.</p>		
2	Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority Los Angeles	\$0 \$2,460 \$0 \$0 \$2,460	20 months 2/29/2004 Support, meets STIP guidelines
	<p>PPNO: 2318 Construct Alameda Corridor-East Project</p> <p>An initial allocation of \$2,460,000 for preparation of PS&E for the East End Ave, Brea Cyn, and Montebello Blvd Grade Separations was approved by the CTC in February 2000. The PS&E contract for East End Ave has been awarded for \$770,000, and the PS&E contract for Brea Canyon Rd has been awarded for \$410,000. Design work on East End Ave is almost complete, and a construction allocation request for this project will be submitted in the fall of 2002.</p> <p>At the request of the City of Industry, a grade separation project at Nogales Street was moved ahead of the original planned Brea Canyon project. This request was made to allow the Nogales Street grade separation to be completed concurrently with an adjacent planned grade separation project being constructed by the County of Los Angeles. The PS&E contract for the Brea Canyon project has been awarded and will be complete within 12 months.</p> <p>The Montebello Blvd project was placed on hold at the request of the City of Montebello to allow the City to review and consider a project alternative. This review has concluded, and the City has asked that a full alternatives analysis and subsequent design be undertaken. The PS&E for the Montebello Blvd project should be complete within 20 months. Therefore, the Authority is requesting a 20-month extension for expenditure of PS&E funds.</p>		